

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of encoding words for language teaching comprising the steps of identifying a plurality of different vowel sounds, representing each different vowel sound and the letters forming the vowel sound by a first indicia and a second indicia, storing the different first and second indicias for each vowel sound, identifying a plurality of different consonant sounds, representing each consonant sound by a third indicia and a selection of consonant sounds by a fourth indicia, storing the third and fourth indicia for each consonant sound, identifying a plurality of different silent letters occurring in words, representing each silent letter by a fifth indicia and storing the fifth indicias for each silent letter whereby a word is represented by a combination of the first to fifth indicia.

2. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the selection of consonant sounds comprises consonant diagraphs.

3. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the first indicia comprises a number.

4. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~or 3~~ wherein the second indicia comprises a ~~colour~~color.

5. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the second indicia comprises a single ~~colour~~color.

6. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~or 5~~ wherein the third indicia comprises a ~~colour~~color.

7. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the third indicia comprises a single ~~colour~~color.

8. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~or 7~~ wherein the fourth indicia comprises an underscore located underneath consonant diagraphs.

9. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~or 7~~ wherein the fourth indicia comprises a symbol.

10. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~or 7~~ wherein the fifth indicia comprises a single ~~colour~~color.

11. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~or 10~~ wherein a word is represented by a combination of letters and indicia.

12. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the letters are represented by a color indicative of the second, fourth or fifth indicia by which they are represented.

13. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~or 12~~ including the step of representing a group of consonant sounds by a sixth indicia and storing the sixth indicia for each consonant sound represented.

14. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the sixth indicia comprises a notation indicative of the pronunciation of the consonant sound.

15. (Currently amended) A system for teaching a language comprising a database which stores a plurality of different vowel sounds, with each vowel sound and its composing letters represented by a first indicia and a second indicia, a plurality of different consonant sounds, with each consonant sound represented by a third indicia and a selection of consonant sounds by a fourth indicia, a plurality of different silent letters occurring in words, with each silent letter represented by a fifth indicia, and a plurality of different words, a conversion means which converts each word into a converted form comprising the indicia and a display means which displays a word in converted form, and wherein the conversion means is adapted to convert a word input into the system and utilize the display means to display the word in converted form.

16. (Currently amended) A method of displaying words for language teaching, comprising the steps of identifying a word, encoding the word into a plurality of indicia components and displaying the encoded word comprising indicia components, wherein the plurality of indicia comprise a first and second indicia representing different vowel sounds and their composing letters, third indicia representing different consonant sounds, fourth indicia

representing a selection of consonant sounds and fifth indicia representing different silent letters occurring in words.

17. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~or 15~~ including the step of ~~display~~ displaying a matrix with sounds of one type along one axis and sounds of another type along another.

18. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 17, including displaying a composite of sounds from each axis by a zone corresponding to a point of intersection of the sounds on the grid.

19. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~or 16~~ including the step of searching for words including at least one of the indicia, vowel sounds, consonants, consonant diagraphs, silent letters.

20. (New) The method as claimed in claim 16, including the step of displaying a matrix with sounds of one type along one axis and sounds of another type along another.

21. (New) The method as claimed in claim 16, including the step of searching for words including at least one of the indicia, vowel sounds, consonants, consonant diagraphs, silent letters.

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